

CITY PAYS GOLD TO BLIND TODAY

Give \$50 Each to 138 Unfortunate Residents of Manhattan and the Bronx.

ONE MAKES FUN FOR ALL

Negro Pedler Who Lost Legs Two Years Ago Cheers Up the Other Sightless Persons in the Line.

The annual payment by the city of \$50 in gold to each of the worthy indigent blind residents of the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx was made to-day at the Charities Department Pier, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street. There are 638 names on the list of those to be paid, and of these all but forty, who are invalids, appeared in person to claim their money.

Most of those who are the recipients of the charity are very old. The long lines of bent figures, their seamed faces aglow with anticipation, their sightless eyes staring, formed a pitiful spectacle. But in every gathering there is a comedian, and in this case the gloom was lightened by Charles Brooks, a blind negro pedler, who lost both his legs years ago. Despite his a lition, he is the soul of jollity, and his sense of humor is made the more impressive from the fact that he speaks German like a real German.

Brooks circulated in the crowd to-day cracking jokes and renewing old friendships, for many of these blind have been calling for their \$50 for many years. Wherever he went the gloom was lightened by his flashes of wit.

One is Up to Date.

Mary Hicks, of No. 118 Perry street, is an old pensioner, but she showed herself to be up-to-date by appearing under the escort of a messenger boy. Mary is alone in the world. When she received a card telling her of the date and place of distribution of the money, she tried to get neighbors to promise to escort her to the Pier. All were too busy. The expedient of calling a messenger occurred to her and a messenger, Julius Levy, was secured.

The sensation of the day was caused by Mrs. Catherine Ahearn, of No. 97 Baxter street, who appeared in a cab. The driver, John Duffy, who has a stand in Chatham Square, agreed to take Mrs. Ahearn to the Charities Department pier and return to her home for a dollar. It was his understanding that the cab would not take more than an hour. It was late in the afternoon before Mrs. Ahearn got her money and Duffy had to wait.

Probably the most seriously afflicted of all the unfortunate who lined up on the pier to-day, was Valerie Mandel, a young girl, of No. 156 East Houston street. She is blind, deaf, dumb, and paralyzed. Members of her family carried her to the desk where Paymaster Timmerman was handing out the money.

Widow of a Colonel.

Great deference was shown by the city employees in charge of the distribution to a very old lady who was weeping as she sat apart from the others. It was said that she was the wife of a man who served as Colonel in the civil war and died a few years ago, leaving her in poverty. She has since become totally blind.

Many of the blind women carried babies in their arms. One woman, accompanied by little children who acted as guides. Nearly all the old men had boys leading them. One father was accompanied by a man and his wife, blind, but able to feel their way along the streets.

One by one the dependent blind approached the desk and secured the stipend allotted out by the city. From 11 o'clock in the morning until the approach of darkness the line moved slowly through the pier. Capt. Moynihan will visit the homes of the forty invalids and present each of them with \$50 in gold.

HALF A MILLION BOYS AND GIRLS THROUGED THE SCHOOLS TO-DAY.



More Than Sixty Thousand of the Little Ones Will Be Obligated to Take Half-Day Courses Owing to the Crush—Schools in Downtown Districts Are Overcrowded, While Those in the Newly Developed Regions Have Seats to Accommodate More.

Back! back! Lack to the school!
Back to the books and the slates and the rule!
Back to the pencil, back to the ink!
Aren't we glad? Sure—
I don't think.
—Song of the Schoolboy.

More than half a million children of New York got up bright and early to-day, and made things buzz in countless homes until school time, for this is the opening day for the public schools of the city, and from 8 to 9 o'clock the streets and avenues of the five boroughs were thronged with bright-eyed, eager boys and girls, all full of excitement, and all sure they were glad school was beginning again.

There are seats enough and to spare for all the children in the 261 school-houses in the greater city, if only they were located just right, as Superintendent of Schools Maxwell says. But there are more children than seats in the downtown districts of Manhattan

and in the newer district of Brooklyn, while there will be hundreds of vacant seats in some of the schools built by the towns and villages which were united in Greater New York just before the union, for the big city to pay for.

None Over Six Crowded Out.

Mr. Maxwell says that no child over six years old will be turned away. There has been no child over six denied admission to the public schools in a dozen years, but the very little people have been either crowded, three into the seats meant for two, or put in half-time classes, and this will be done again to-day, for in certain districts there is great congestion, and fully 50,000 primary children will have to be content with half days instead of whole ones in the classroom.

Besides there is a constantly increasing number of youngsters under six years old who will be assigned to kindergartens where the beginning of education begins with play that develops the we ones and makes them fit for the classes in the primaries. There were 45,000 children on half time

STATISTICS OF SCHOOL SITUATION.

Number of children on rolls a year ago.....	467,713
Estimated number this year.....	490,000
On part-time classes a year ago.....	54,000
At the end of June term (when attendance was low).....	34,873
Children denied admission at end of June term.....	3,229
Additional seats provided by six new schools to open this morning.....	\$200
Additional sittings in new schools to be completed between now and Jan. 1.....	7,400
Number of seats expected from new buildings begun and projected and to be done a year from now.....	32,500

at the close of the last school year. As there was an increase of 26,000 in the number knocking for entrance to the schools to-day, and sittings in the new schools for only 8,200, nearly 18,000 must be added to the number of children on half time, making more than 50,000 children in half-time classes at the beginning of the new year.

All Over Six Years of Age Are Practically Provided For—Wadleigh High School Is Opened with Accommodations for 2,750 Girl Students and They Make Room for Others—Kindergartens A-Plenty for the Tiny Little Bits of Children.

eighteenth year children must be either in school or employed.

So that when the children over eight have seats the law is fulfilled, and there has never been a time, the school authorities say, when children over eight were denied full tuition in the public school. Six is the earliest age lawful for children to be admitted to the schools, but mothers of large families send even younger ones than these to school as a sort of day nursery, and every effort is made to provide room and tuition for all comers.

New High School Open.

For the first time in the history of the city the Board of Education is going to have a regularly established system of supervision of the public schools. Dr. Loeb has appointed fifty inspectors to keep vigilant watch for contagious diseases, especially those of the eye. This corps of inspectors began in Brooklyn to-day with a close inspection of every child admitted to the schools. In this published statement the superintendent of the number of contagious diseases will be accomplished.

The law says that all children between eight and twelve years must attend the public schools, and they must be provided with seats and given an education. From twelve to fourteen they must be in school at least half the time and may not absent themselves at all except when they are employed earning something. From their fourteenth to

DUNN CHARGES GREAT FRAUDS.

Ex-Sheriff Questions the Right of 505 Men to Vote at the Coming Primaries.

ALL SUMMONED TO COURT.

All the Alleged Illegal Voters Must Show Cause Why Names Should Not Be Stricken from List.

Wholesale charges of fraud in connection with the coming primary elections have been filed before Justice Stecker by former Sheriff Thomas Dunn and his counsel. The Court has ordered 505 persons whose names are registered as voters in the Twenty-sixth Assembly District to show cause why they should not be stricken from the rolls. These orders are being served to-day. No lawyer can recall a case where so many orders of the kind were issued.

Orders requiring John R. Voorhis and other members of the Board of Elections to show cause why they should not strike the names of five hundred alleged illegal voters from the list were also issued by Justice Stecker. All the orders are returnable on Wednesday next.

Special Laws May Result.

Lawyer Jacob Marks is counsel for Sheriff Dunn. He said the proceedings would undoubtedly have the effect of causing special legislation to amend the present Primary law, so as to protect legal voters and insure honest elections at the primaries. Sheriff Dunn was surprised when informed that his opponent, John J. Walsh had secured over 800 out of 2,200 enrolled voters. He at once went to the Board of Elections with his counsel and found that in many of the blanks filed by Walsh voters the signatures were alike. Mr. Dunn got David N. Carvahlo, handwriting expert, to make an examination. Carvahlo reported that more than 500 of the enrolment blanks were signed by John H. Sheeran, Thomas Scanlon, Frank Danda and Morris Weinberg, whose appointments as Commissioners of Deeds were made a few months ago.

Each respondent is entitled to a separate hearing, and should they all appear with their counsel and witnesses no court-room in the County Court-House will contain them.

Two Loads of Papers.

It required two carriages to convey the papers to Justice Stecker for signature and cart them back. Twenty men have been employed arranging them and are serving them on the respondents named to-day. Fifteen men were engaged for several nights and days in doing the necessary writing to prepare the papers for service, and it took twelve girls, a whole day to compare the printed copies with the original documents. Each set of papers consists of forty-two pages and each page is fourteen inches in length.

Frauds Before Grand Jury.

Fifty men were taken to District-Attorney Jerome's office to-day in response to subpoenas in connection with alleged primary frauds. The men all came from the First and Twenty-ninth Assembly Districts.

Assistant District-Attorneys Schurman and Sanford had charge of the examination of the men, who were called because of information furnished by former Police Commissioner, Col. Michael C. Murphy, whose seat is being contested by Mr. Murphy and John P. Carroll's lawyers, Blumenstein and McManus assisted the assistant District-Attorneys in the examination. Mr. Jerome said the primary frauds would be presented to the Grand Jury some time this week.

NEW BRIDGE RELIEF PLAN.

Interchangeable System of Switching Suggested to Stop the Crush.

MAYOR LOW INTERESTED.

Committee of Three Experts to Pass on the Feasibility of Engineer Poulson's Idea—Declared Best Offered.

Mayor Low to-day received a delegation from the Manufacturers' Association of New York with a new plan for relieving the crush at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge. The delegation was headed by Andrew F. Wilson, Chairman, and accompanying them were President Greasinger, of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Road, and Bridge Commissioner Lindenthal.

The new plan, which had been prepared by Nelson Poulson, a prominent engineer, was explained to the Mayor. It practically consists of an interchangeable system of switching by which trolley cars can be loaded and unloaded without interfering with traffic and remove the present element of danger to passengers at this end of the bridge. Mr. Poulson pointed out that the new plan gives over 55,000 square feet, which is all used for car service and over 20,000 square feet is left for platforms.

As there will be a loop which will be elevated, no tracks will have to be crossed and no moving cars to dodge. By this plan the cars could enter the terminal coming from Brooklyn at the northern end, discharge all the New York passengers on the outside, and when empty, switch over to a parallel track on the inside, then make the loop. It will go to its respective station either on the outside or inside track on the opposite side, take its load of passengers, switch over to the center trunk line and then proceed to its destination.

By this new plan a number of cars would be side-tracked and the passengers discharged on a long parallel platform, and each car then be run over to the main track, where, on the south side of the bridge they would again be side-tracked and, after receiving the full complement of passengers, again be run out on the main line and crossed to Brooklyn.

The proposition seemed to appeal to the Mayor, who remarked that "it was a very interesting plan." Commissioner Lindenthal said it was one of several hundred that had been presented to him and that he was much impressed with its feasibility.

President Greasinger declared it much better than any he had seen to date. It was finally decided to submit the plan to a committee of experts, one to be chosen by the Manufacturers' Association, one by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and one by the Manufacturers' Association. The committee's recommendations are suggested, will be appointed by the Mayor.

LAST WEEK OF FIREWORKS.

Next Saturday evening will be the last night of Fall's fireworks at Manhattan Beach. Performances will be given every night in the week, except Sunday and Monday, giving a last chance to those returning from the country of witnessing the finest fireworks display that ever has been shown. Thursday night will be devoted to the Catholic benevolent societies.

TYPHOID IN PATERSON.

Since the first of the month twenty-six cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the Board of Health of Paterson, N. J., most of them from the vicinity of No. 35 Jackson street, where one of the city wells is located.

CRANE SAYS CAPT. MOYNIHAN LIED.

He Declares This Precinct Commander Is Most Incompetent Policeman in New York—Denies "Influence."

Magistrate Crane was angry to-day when told in Harlem Court of the statement attributed to Capt. Moynihan, in which the captain is quoted as saying: "It looks as though this prisoner was using political influence to save himself."

The prisoner referred to was John Vigorito, proprietor of the Lion Hotel, at No. 2218 Second avenue, whose place was raided Saturday night by detectives of Capt. Moynihan's command and six men and eight women were arrested. The detectives were told that they made the most idiotic arrests in the city and the prisoners were discharged.

Later Detective Storjohan reported to Capt. Moynihan that he had seen Nicholas J. Hayes, the Tammany leader in the district in which the raid was made, in court. The captain declared that Vigorito was a member of Hayes's political club and then displayed one of Vigorito's business cards, on the back of which was: "Mon. Mr. Hayes: My place was arrested last night. Please come and help me."

Asked about Moynihan's statement, Magistrate Crane replied: "If Capt. Moynihan made that statement he uttered a deliberate falsehood. Neither Mr. Hayes nor any other man had anything to do with the discharge of these prisoners. They were discharged for want of evidence. Capt. Moynihan is the most incompetent police officer in the city of New York."

POLICE CULPRIT SOUGHT BY WOMAN

Mrs. George E. Scott Says Bluecoat Disappeared with Money She Gave Him to Call a Cab.

Mrs. George E. Scott, of No. 214 West One Hundred and Eighth street, is looking for a policeman who, she says, disappeared with a \$10 bill she had given him with which to call a cab and pay the driver.

She is engaged now in looking over the different platoons of police as they go out of the West Sixty-eighth street station, trying to identify the man whom she accuses.

CONNOIS NOT BEATEN.

Mrs. William P. Connors, of Syracuse, wife of the manager of a laundry in Mount Vernon, has just learned that her husband was a prisoner in the workhouse on Blackwell's island undergoing a ten-days sentence for drunkenness. Mrs. Connors says her husband had been badly beaten by the police of New York and she would have an investigation made.

KING LAYS CORNER STONE.

MADRID, Sept. 8.—King Alfonso yesterday laid the first stone of the extensive new harbor works at Bilbao.

DEVERY TO BUILD A SCHOOL HIMSELF.

"The Chief" Says if the City Wont Provide for the Youngsters of His District He Will See that it Is Done.

Chief Devery threatens to build a school of his own for the children of the Ninth District.

If he does, he says, it will be devoted to those who are crowded out of the schools and those who are "crowded into them."

"I've haven't had a school built in the Ninth for so long that I can't remember the time," said Devery to an Evening World reporter at his home in Arverne this morning.

"I'm tired of seeing the children run around on the street, or what is worse, being crowded into rooms that smell and remind me of Goodwin and Sheehan, and even if I'm not elected district leader, I'll build a school myself for the children."

"If I'm elected you can bet that I'll see that schools are built. Those fellows Goodwin and Sheehan had no point to appoint members of the Board of Education and they appointed one big stiff. Well, he's got a good job now."

EDITOR DIED AT SEA.

M. V. Ponchon, who had been for several years connected with the editorial management of the Courier des Etats-Unis, of this city, died during the trip of the steamship Bretagne, which arrived in this port from Havre. Mr. Ponchon had been a sufferer from consumption, and went to France three months ago, hoping to be benefited in health.

CROKER SNUBBED AT HEADQUARTERS.

Calls to See the Commissioner and Has To Wait Ten Minutes to Be Told There Are No Orders for Him.

Fire Chief Croker reached Fire Headquarters at 10 o'clock this morning. He went at once to Commissioner Sturges' office, but was obliged to stand for ten minutes outside the brass rail that keeps the public from encroaching on the Commissioner's privacy. Meanwhile, he chatted with several friends.

The Chief was then summoned to Mr. Sturges' office, and was closeted with the latter about ten minutes. When he emerged he was asked what the Commissioner had had to say.

"Only that there were no orders for me," was the chief's reply, and he then went to his own office on the fourth floor, where he busied himself for a short time with letters. He then left the building.

Commissioner Sturges was asked if he took ten minutes to simply tell a man that there were no orders for him.

"I informed Chief Croker that I had no duty for him to perform," said Commissioner Sturges, "and then I questioned him as to the health of his family, for I understand that his wife is very ill. That was all."

LIBRARY DEDICATION.

The Jarvis Memorial Library, erected at Fremont street and Austin place, Bloomfield, N. J., at a cost of \$5,000, by James N. Jarvis, the coffee merchant of Wall street, New York, will be dedicated on Sept. 15. The building is of stone. It was erected by Mr. Jarvis in memory of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Jarvis.

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